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TCEQ Inspectors to Train at GBRA-Run Plant

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SAN MARCOS—Eight Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) inspectors will convene at the GBRA-run San Marcos Water Treatment Plant (SMWTP) on Wednesday, Jan. 23 through Friday, Jan. 25 to undergo environmental training and conduct a special performance evaluation (SPE).

The TCEQ inspectors will tour the treatment plant and learn about critical items they need to evaluate when performing routine annual plant inspections. This training will help the investigators inspect other water treatment plants throughout the state. "We're happy to be of service to our state's inspectors in this way," Bill West, GBRA general manager, said. "The fact that the TCEQ selected this plant speaks highly to both our staff's expertise in running the plant and the uniqueness of the plant itself."

"The purpose of this SPE is to provide a training opportunity for our staff," said Ada Lichaa, TCEQ manager. "Our inspectors will collect data on the design, operation, maintenance, and administration of the plant and conduct other activities during the training session."

Darel Ball, GBRA division manager for Hays/Caldwell, said, "The San Marcos plant was selected because of its reputation as a well-run facility, and its close proximity to Austin. TCEQ has used a GBRA-run water treatment plant for this type of training several times over the past few years, and we appreciate this opportunity."

TCEQ inspectors regularly review treatment plant design and plant records for compliance with state and federal drinking water standards.

The GBRA was established by the Texas Legislature in 1933 as a water conservation and reclamation district. GBRA provides stewardship for the water resources in its 10-county statutory district, which begins near the headwaters of the Guadalupe and Blanco rivers, ends at San Antonio Bay, and includes Kendall, Comal, Hays, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Gonzales, DeWitt, Victoria, Calhoun, and Refugio counties.